

COMPILERS: OLD BOYS' NOTES: H.L.HALL, M.A.; SCHOOL NOTES: R.L.EVANS, M.A..

The crushing of two such arch-enemies as Germany and Japan within a little over three months, gives cause for great thankfulness to God and to the many gallant Old Boys of the Army, Navy and Air Forces whose exploits we recall with pride. We have learned with great relief of the release of the heroic defenders of Hong-Kong and to Lt.Col. J.H.Price, Maj. C.E.Price, Lt. P.L. MacDougall, Lt. J.H.C.McGreevy, Lt. F.D.Ross, Lt. C.D.G.Johnston, Lt. I.Breakey, Lt. W.F.Clarke, Whose faith and fortitude in face of impossible odds have inspired us and offered us perfect examples of men living a truly courageous life, we wish a speedy home-coming, a full recovery and a happy fulfilment of all their hopes.

At the opening Chapel service (Sept.16th.), the Headmaster delivered the sermon. It was an inspiring one, and comparable, in providing food for thought, to his 1941 Thanksgiving-Day speech which was commented on, editorially, in leading newspapers of the day. Since there is much in this sermon to inspire all for the days to come, we therefore print it in full.

"Most of the texts from which sermons are preached are chosen from the Bible. The one which I am going to use this morning comes from another source: it is from the hymn book which we use in Chapel. It is the first verse of the 291st. hymn, and it goes as follows:

Father, hear the prayer we offer,
Not for ease that prayer shall be
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.

Unlike most hymns, which are frequently songs of praise, this hymn is itself a prayer. It is a prayer for strength - for strength of character enough to put aside the inclination to choose the easy life, and, instead, to choose the hard way, and to live courageously.

I have never heard that hymn sung in Chapel without thinking what a fine school hymn it would make, if it could be sung, sincerely, as a prayer, and if we could go out after singing it and try to develop some of the strength for which we ask.

I think that hymn made its greatest impression on me during the war, when I could not help contrasting the ease and shelter of the life which we at B.C.S. were leading with what I knew to be the hardships and exposure, the risks and danger of those who were on Active Service, or of those who lived in Britain, or, indeed of many boys in many English schools. And I have wished that some means could be found of bringing home to B.C.S. the sense of satisfaction we should get from experimenting with a tougher and stronger attitude toward life.

That contrast, however, was, on the whole, unfair. There were, on the one hand, conditions of war, and, on the other, conditions of approximate peace, and I have no doubt that if conditions of war had been imposed on us, we should have measured up to them, as they did in Britain or in British schools. Indeed the record of our Old Boys in the war has proved the truth of that.

Nevertheless, now that the war is over, if the world is not to relapse into a state far worse than that of six years ago, it must undergo a thorough process of regeneration. A new, and more vigorous and higher life must be breathed into it. The talk one hears of greater comforts, greater wealth, more leisure, freedom from fear, is misleading and it strikes the wrong note. It sounds dangerously like a lifting of safeguards and a lowering of standards.

What is needed is talk of strengthening the moral fibre of man-kind, of self-denial, of hard and fearless thinking, of tolerance, of discipline, and of hard work. It is to experiments with these facets of courageous living that this hymn calls you.

I think that the most direct way to make a trial of this is through various forms of self-denial and self-discipline leading to a contribution to the welfare of the school. I have often said to senior boys, "You have been here a long time: you have taken a lot out of the school: it is up to you to put something back into it". That is reasonable. But you do not have to wait until you are a senior boy. The better things which, from 1837 to the present day, have gone into the shaping of the character of the school, have been brought by boys of all ages. It is of course obvious that in helping to mould the character of the school, you mould your own character, and fit yourself for wider service later on.

Now the welfare of the school varies in accordance with the extent to which she measures up to the standard which is set for her, and the standard which is set may be summed up in the following: (i) Allegiance to the Christian faith, belief in Christ and his teachings, an honest attempt to discover what a boy's attitude toward religion should be, and a form of worship which he can understand and like. (2) Good morale. (3) Honesty in every phase of the day's work and the day's play, observed or unobserved. (4) Chivalry, that quality in human character linked closely with adventure, and implying, or indeed requiring, respect for the other sex. (5) Manners, or, to be more explicit, good manners. (6) Fair play, on the field and off it, to friend and stranger, to those who are your equals, and those who are less fortunate than you.

Might it not be considered right and reasonable and expedient to expect the majority of you to govern yourselves in such a way as to protect this standard? Is it not especially desirable at a time when our Old Boys are coming back from the war? Could you erect a finer memorial to those who will not come back?"



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of Old Boys at Thanksgiving, including many who have returned from Overseas. A special service for Old Boys will be held in the Chapel on Sunday at 11.30, at which Bishop Williams will be present.

On the Monday, beginning at 10.45 there will be two football matches, the first between the Old Boys and the School, the second between Service teams of Old Boys. After luncheon and Prize-giving, a tea-dance will start at 4.15..

On account of the crowded state of the school, the difficulty of providing extra bedding, and in order to leave the Dormitories free to attend to the complication in the School buildings.

We regret to announce that : F/O A.G.Scott was killed in action over Germany on April 19th; Flt./Lt. H.C. Morgan was killed on active service in India on July 10th; P/O. C.J.P.Ramsey, previously reported missing, has been presumed killed; Cadet J.W.Hooper died in India on the day on which he was to receive his commission. He had been in training at the Indian Military Academy at Delra Dun, U.P.
To the families of the above-mentioned Old Boys, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Correction: In the June issue of the Bulletin, we referred to the Hon. D.C.Abbott as an Old Boy. This was an error on our part. He was a Lennoxville boy and attended the Lennoxville High School. We do not wish to claim credit that belongs elsewhere, and for this unintentional error we offer our apologies.

CONGRATULATIONS: Births, marriages, engagements, distinctions:

Brig. D.K.Black, who was awarded the D.S.O. last year, has been made a C.B.E. in recognition for his services overseas; Brig. C.M.Drury received his D.S.O. from the King at an Investiture held at Buckingham Palace in July; Flt./Lt. Jeffrey Lindsay was awarded the D.F.C. in July; Flt./Lt. H.R.Finley was awarded the D.F.C. for outstanding courage and devotion to duty. He destroyed four enemy aircraft; Maj. W.W. Ogilvie was promoted to Lt.Col. and in June became O.C. of 2nd. [®] Battalion, the Black Watch (R.H.R.) of Canada; Capt. H.W.Davis was promoted in July to Major; M.F.Doyle was promoted to Flt./Lt. in July; R.Hampson and C.Wanklyn both graduated in July from Royal Roads Naval College, B.C.; Flt./Lt. H.H.Smith has been named a member of the Corporation of Bishop's University. His grandfather, the late John Hamilton, was Chancellor of the University from 1900-25; Maj. L.E.Baker of Yarmouth, N.S., was elected Liberal member in the Federal Government for his home riding. Recently, he spoke in the House of Common during the debates on the Speech from the Throne; C.L.O.Glass has taken up his duties as Headmaster at Ashbury College, Ottawa; Roger Boothroyd has been appointed to the Science faculty at Bishop's University; Capt. Conrad Porteous was awarded the M.C. for distinguished service in the Northwest European theatre of war; the late Lt. M.S.Grant was mentioned in despatches in the King's Birthday List in June; F/O D.G.McConnell is engaged to Miss Cynthia Gordon of Montreal; P/O. O.D.Lewis was married to Wren J.E. Ford, Portneuf, July 9th. in Vancouver; Lt./Cmdr. H.Doheny married to Miss H.Erskine of Craill, Fife, Scotland, on June 8th.; P/O. G.S.Black married to Miss K.Hellstrom of Westmount on August 29th; (Black had long been a prisoner of war and was released April-May : heartiest congratulations, Herkie, for two such happy events.); S.I.Lyman married to Miss N. MacLachlan of Montreal in June; Lt. J.A.S.Penny married to Miss D.McKenny of Quebec on June 9th; Sub/Lt. Alfred M.Dobell married to Miss Una Pritchard, Westmount, on July 4th; Capt. Harry E. Griffiths married to Miss Suzanne Cahon, of Paris, France, on July 16th. At present he is assigned to Office of Strategic Services in France and is in the American Army; Lt. T.M.Barott married to Miss G.Ward of Calgary on July 5th. ; Lt. John Cross married to Miss Joan Sommerville of Westmount, on Sept. 8th; Mr. & Mrs. A.K.Glassford, a daughter, born in Montreal on Aug.18th; Maj. Radley-Walters, M.C., has been promoted to Lt.Col.; Flt/Lt. E. Asselin, upon returning home after being released from a prisoner of war camp in Germany, paid a fine tribute to the work his mother accomplished during the war years. She was the founder and leader of the Canadian Prisoners-of-War Relatives Association; Lt.Col. Radley-Walters has been appointed O.C. of the Sherbrooke Fusiliers Regiment.

ITEMS OF NEWS: The following have visited the school during the summer: In July, Lt. Dan Doheny, Capt. G.Buch and Ronald Bayne, F/O Dave McConnell and his fiancée. In Sept. Hugh Norsworthy and his wife and Lt. J.A.B.Nixon and his wife, and Gordon Powis. The following Old Boys are enrolled at Bishop's University: G.H.Day, B.Day, D.N.Stoker, J.MacDiarmid, and J.Robinson. Capt. J.Macintosh is attached to Pacific Command, Vancouver, and sees Tommy Henderson who is a professor at the University of British Columbia. At the June closing, Pte. F.S.Holley of the U.S.Army, Lt. R.M.Collier, Lt.Col. C.Rankin and Lt.Col. Lynn distributed the prizes. Lt. R.M.Collier won the Old Boys' race. Sqn/Ldr. G.Egerton left for India in July to take up duties with the R.A.F.. In an article, based on the records of the Sherbrooke Fusiliers, W.Ross, Montreal Star reporter, mentions Major E.Spafford and Lt.Col. Radley-Walters for fine leadership and performance of duty.
Freedom of the Belgian City of Bruges was conferred on Maj.-Gen. Harry Foster, Commander of 1st. Canadian Division, on July 21st, the Belgian National Holiday. The Canadian General was only the third foreigner thus honoured by the city in its long history. He was chosen as representative of the 4th. Can. Arm'd. Div. whose troops, then under his command, liberated the city last Sept. 12th. With Gen. Foster during the two day festival were other Canadians who took part in the action. The festival included a banquet, a visit to the Ursuline Hospital

where the Mother Superior conducted them through the celebrated gallery containing the works of Hans Memling, 15th. century artist. Sunday July 22, featured the Canadians' initiation into the Society of San Sebastian, founded by King James 1 of Scotland and devoted to the cause of archery and good fellowship. The Canadians were required to display their skill and shoot feather cockades from the top of 100 foot poles.

Lt. L.F.Page, R.C.N.V.R., Fleet Air Arm, is in charge of Helicopter Training for Canadian Fleet Air Arm boys and is stationed in the Orkneys.

LETTERS RECEIVED: Our thanks to those who have written us and for the kind remarks re: the Bulletins.

M.D.Page and T.D.Page both arrived safely in England and spent a holiday in N.Wales. A card from Bob Collier was post-marked Del Monte, Calif., where in mid-July he was at the U.S.N. Training School. P.R.K.Taylor (Pref School English boy) is now at Winchester School. S.D.S. Bailey is at Dartmouth where he got a scholarship, R.H.M.Kidersley and P.S.Monefiore are at Eton. He thinks the two Charlesworth are there too. Ken. Howard applied for entrance to Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm and was accepted at the end of June. His letter received in August states that his training is a six months' course. J.S.Whitehead received his 2/Lt. Commission at Lincolnshire Pioneer Corps O.C.T.U.. He writes: "The Bulletins are always so very cheerful and apart from hearing what the rest of the chaps are doing, I always get a laugh out of the same old happenings which Mr. Evans puts down so truly". (With Vergil, you can agree, eh Whitehead, --- Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit). Dave Phelps has written from various H.M.C.S. stations. His latest letter, received mid-Sept., was from H.M.C.S.York. Philip Atkinson's letter reached us in July. He was recommended to take the Officer's Course and is at R.A.C. Pre-O.C.T.U., Royal Military College, Camberley, Surrey. He was in Dick Porteous' Unit. Atkinson saw Stewart Hunt who is a Corporal in the Para-Battalion and was awaiting re-allocation at 1, C.I.T.r. at Aldershot.

A letter written just a year ago to us by Sgt. J.L. Nicholson has been received. His present address is No.3 C.A.C.R.U., C.A.O Due to the rush of his draft the letter had not been posted. He has taken a special gunnery course in Sherman Tanks. In this letter he mentions having seen Bill Hollingum and Lemieux.

The following extracts come from an interesting letter by John Churchill-Smith, written on board H.M.S.Queenborough, July 21st.

"The war is moving fast and American strategy in the Pacific has been brilliant. Combining a huge Naval and Sea power with 20 years' thought, they have brought Japan to her knees. I think it is correct to say that strategically the Japs are already beaten and must know it themselves. The 'Suicide' attacks are a clear indication".

"The conflict is a very different one from that of the Atlantic. It is as hot as it was cold in those days. The greatest difference lies in 'the Sanctuary of harbour'. If you can imagine a lump of humid coral in a vast blue sea, with many ships swinging at anchor, you have the complete picture of 'harbour'. Most never set foot on shore for as long as three or four months at a time. Sorties to sea are lengthy affairs. In 'harbour' we have to make our own fun - swimming and water polo: daily matches between ships of the Flotilla with the winner challenging a big ship."

"We took part in the fast Carrier raids on the Sakasima group in conjunction with the American invasion and subsequent capture of Okinawa. It was a wonderful sight to watch the aircraft taking off, day after day, for successful strikes. But we had our troubles in the form of "KAMIKAZES" (Divine Wind). A very devilish form of attack with intent to do no good. One in particular suddenly appeared out of a cloud in an attack on an adjacent ship. All our guns were soon pounding away. We had an excellent view as it passed almost directly overhead. The noise from the carriers' guns as her whole side opened up was terrific. In the Director, the highest point in the ship, one felt as if he were in the middle of the ring. Though hit repeatedly, its pilot dead and the plane itself on fire, the momentum carried it on fortunately the only skid off its target into the sea. Several others were 'splashed' by fighters or fell to the guns of the fleet. It was during a similar attack that the ship in which Dennis stairs was serving, was hit. Though he received burns he was quite cheerful when I saw him last prior to leaving for Canada".

"Occasionally we get down to Australia or New Zealand for leave and some good food. And it is heaven after months away from civilisation. I cannot speak too highly of the kindness and hospitality of the Australian and New Zealand people. They have welcomed the Navy with open arms and invited hundreds into their homes and thousands to wonderful leaves on sheep satious and ranches in the country".

Some twenty years ago when trees were planted around the School grounds, a writer of the School magazine of those days wondered what the effect would be in twenty years. Well, twenty years have passed and the effect is truly beautiful. From the main building to the Power House, a magnificent arched drive-way is evidenced; the quad is lined with trees almost as high as the buildings; and the playing fields are enclosed by magnificent growth. Old Boys of the 1920's realise that Dr. S.P.Smith knew where and how trees should be planted.

Old Boys will be interested to know that R.L.Young is commencing his 25th. consecutive year in the service of the School, F.R.Pattison his 22nd year, W.F.Fisher his 21st. year, J.G. Patriquin his 17th. year. Our best wishes are extended to the above-mentioned.

Our thanks extended to Miss Molony and Mr. Ross for valuable aid in the production of this issue of the Bulletin.

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As The Bulletin embarks on its fifth year we are reminded of an incident in an early Wodehouse novel: on the subject of Old Boys' Dinners one of the characters says, "Either you sit among a group of youngsters who throw buns at your head, or else between a couple of old-timers who lean across you and talk of the day they were given a half-holiday in honour of the Battle of Agincourt" - or something to that effect. The Bulletin has the same problem. Those of you who left last year will want to know who are School Officers and who is on First Crease; the same information mean very little to older Old Boys. We try to mix it up - some specific news for recent graduates, some general news for those whose contact is with the School rather than with individuals in it. Requests for information on any particular aspect of B.C.S. will be welcomed.

B.C.S. is off to its 108th year with a full school list, 120 in the Upper and 43 in the Prep. There are 22 sons of Old Boys on the roll-call, and 4 boys holding the two Bennett and the Ogilvie and Old Boys' Scholarships. There are three new masters, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Ross and Mr. Wallace - the last is Mike to many of you, holding down a job in the Prep. Lieut. Fisher, now recovered from his long siege of illness last year, has retired and has bought a house on the other side of Lennoxville, high on the hill overlooking the valley. Many Old Boys will regret to hear of "the Sgt's" retirement, but they can be assured that his influence in producing first rate Cadet Corps will not abruptly end: he will be directly connected with the Corps for some time to come, and indirectly the effect of his training will never be entirely lost, having become tradition.

There are a few small changes in the general set-up which may interest more recent old Boys. School House Dormitories now have two Head Boys each, the Prefects having ascended to K Dorm and having a study on the classroom floor - last year's VIIth Form Room. Two dorms, C and D, are for senior boys, have no Head Boys or Prefects, and are equipped with double-decker maple beds and bureaus to match; in the floor space thus saved is room for chairs and tables - common rooms in themselves, as it were.

Prefects this year: Bill Satterthwaite, Head Prefect; Les Gault, Bill Arnold, Jim Sewell.

Head Boys: Scott Fraser, Harry McCall, Ron Hickey, Ray Setlakwe, Derek Martin. Acting Head Boys: Vic Bennett, Bill Boswell, Robin Pitfield, Hartland Price, George Seely, Jeff Skelton, Lorne Walls, Paul White, Robert Williams.

Football Captain, Bill Arnold; Hockey Captain, Les Gault; Cricket Captain, Les Gault.

Cadet Major, Satterthwaite; Cadet Lieutenants, Pitfield, McCall, Cleveland; QSM and Adjutant, Martin.

Football Fixtures:

September 29,	B.C.S. at Stanstead.	
October 3,	Sherbrooke High at B.C.S.	
" 6,	Ashbury at B.C.S.	<u>Prep</u>
" 8,	Old Boys at B.C.S.	<u>Soccer</u>
" 13,	B.C.S. at Sherbrooke High...	LCC at Prep
" 20,	B.C.S. at Ashbury.	
" 27,	B.C.S. at L.C.C.	Prep at Selwyn
November 3,	L.C.C. at B.C.S.	House

also - Oct. 22, Selwyn House at Prep, and Oct. 26, Prep at L.C.C.

In our June issue we advertised a vacancy in a Montreal business and inside a couple of weeks an Old Boy was filling the job. If any Old Boys are looking for men to fill positions in their firms The Bulletin will be glad to advertise the opening among the 700 Old Boys to whom it, is sent.

The Thanksgiving programme is briefly as follows: Sat. Oct. 6, The School vs. Ashbury; Sun. Oct. 7, Two Services in Chapel, 10.45 and 11.30; After-noon Tea at the Plantation; Mon. Oct. 8, Old Boys vs. the School and an Inter-Service Match in the morning; Luncheon at 1.00 and 1.40; Prize-Giving at 2.15; Tea Dance at 4.15.

